

REMARKS

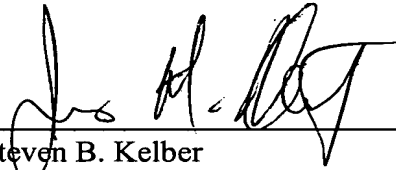
The claims have been amended to address certain informalities noted in the Office Action, not in response to any claim rejection. The amendments do not change the scope of the claims.

In response to the Examiner's rejection, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, James M. Heintz at (202) 861-4167.

Respectfully submitted,

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